

EC-6116. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2008" (RIN0938-A092) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6117. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (5) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6118. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of funds appropriated by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6119. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (22 CFR Parts 40 and 41) received on May 6, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6120. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, (12) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 5, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the suspension of certain sales and leases; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6122. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of State's certification of the importation of shrimp harvesting technology that may adversely affect certain sea turtles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6123. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-55-2008-61); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6124. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to technical assistance to Iran that was provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency during calendar year 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6125. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Models of Exemplary, Effective, and Promising Alcohol or Other Drug Abuse Prevention Programs on College Campuses" (73 FR 17868) received on May 6, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6126. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6127. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6128. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of agencies' competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6129. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period ending March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6130. A communication from the Deputy Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6131. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6132. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, change in previously reported information and discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

\*Kameron L. Onley, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

\*Jeffrey F. Kupfer, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2985. A bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to correct a reference relating to a transit project in Orleans Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2986. A bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to modify the project description for a project for the city of Lake Charles, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2987. A bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to modify the project description for a highway project for Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2988. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and private research efforts to develop new tools and therapies that prevent, detect, and cure diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2989. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a National Neurotechnology Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2990. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access of Medicare beneficiaries to intravenous immune globulins; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2991. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER)):

S. 2992. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance housing loan authorities for veterans and to otherwise assist veterans and members of the Armed Forces in avoiding the foreclosure of their homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. WEBB, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 554. A resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate on humanitarian assistance to Burma after Cyclone Nargis; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Con. Res. 80. A concurrent resolution urging the President to designate a National Airborne Day in recognition of persons who are serving or have served in the airborne forces of the Armed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 81. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week; considered and agreed to.